



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

MILLER ET AL.

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For: "METHOD FOR OPERATING A
MICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEM
USING A STIFF COUPLING"

) Group Art Unit: 2834

) Examiner: K. Tamai

) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON <u>7/9/04</u></p> <p>BY: <u>Marsh Fischmann & BreYFogle, LLP</u></p>
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the comments provided by the Examiner in an Office Action having a mailing date of 3/24/04. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from 6/24/04 to 7/24/04. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$253.00 which includes the \$55 fee for such extension, the \$18 fee for the additional claims presented herein, and the \$180 fee for the enclosed Supplemental IDS. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Please amend the above-identified patent application in the manner set forth herein and in

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